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Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS celebrates 20 years

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Volunteers, leaders, supporters and staff of the Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea gathered at the Bunker Grill on September 26, to celebrate the organization’s 20th anniversary.

At the event, true to Friends of Netarts Bay Watershed, Estuary, Beach and Sea (WEBS) form, volunteers educated attendees about the organization’s history and various programs, while they also had the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities, a raffle and a silent auction. At the event, Executive Director Chrissy Smith said that she was moved by the turnout and saw it as a sign of the organization’s success.

“When I reflect on are we really being successful, I start to think about who’s come here today,” Smith said, “and I think about the longstanding relationship that so many of you have had with this organization and it makes me feel proud to feel like we’re going in the right direction.”

Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS was founded in 2006 after a multiyear process undertaken by community members and led by Netarts local Jim Mundell. Reflecting on the founding during a presentation to the crowd, John Anderson, another early member of WEBS, recalled that Mundell had had a vision of building a community organization to preserve the area’s beauty.

“He had a basic dream,” Anderson said of Mundell. “A dream where he wanted to bring everyone together here in Netarts to admire and protect the surrounding and the wonder and the generosity that those surroundings provide to us.”

After retiring from a career in the merchant marine, Mundell began working on



The North Coast Sea Dogs played classic rock hits earlier in the afternoon before turning to singalong sea shanties.

the plans that would lead to the foundation of WEBS in the late 1990s, developing the Netarts Watershed Plan and Assessment in 1999, and the Netarts Bay Assessment and Plan several years later in conjunction with outside firms. In 2004, Mundell and other volunteers took the first steps towards forming the nonprofit, with it officially being chartered in 2006.

Tragically, Mundell passed away after a battle with cancer in the same year. However, through his estate, he created the Salty Dog Fund at the Oregon Community Foundation with the instructions that the funds be used to support conservation in Netarts Bay.

In furtherance of that aim, Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS operates programs with three

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Board President Michael Krall thanks Executive Director Chrissy Smith for her decade of service in the top role at Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS before giving her a bouquet of flowers and several gifts on behalf of the board.

FOTAM gives \$50,000 for hangar repairs

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

With removal of the hanging flap underway, a land lease signed and the sale of Hangar B to a new owner imminent, the Friends of Tillamook Air Museum donated \$50,000 in mid-September to the future owner to support further hangar repairs.

Friends of Tillamook Air Museum (FOTAM) President Dallas Adams said that the nonprofit was happy the hangar would soon be under the stewardship of another nonprofit organization that was committed to its restoration and would support their efforts.

“We support what’s going on with Sean and Vintage Aviation Museum. It was the only way forward that we saw,” Adams said. “They bought the hangar and we want to support this.”

FOTAM was formed in 2017 by the board of directors of the Port of Tillamook Bay to raise funds to support the continued operation of the Tillamook Air Museum after the Erickson Air Tanker Group withdrew from operating the museum

in 2015 after 20 years. The port had struggled to finance ongoing maintenance and repairs of the hangar since it took ownership from the county in the mid-1960s, with the modest incomes generated by the museum since its opening in 1992 and renting space to other tenants piling against the cost of the needed work.

Adams, who grew up in Cupertino, California, near the three blimp hangars at Moffett Field, joined FOTAM in 2022, inspired to preserve the last World War 2 blimp hangar remaining open to the public. Adams said that his primary goal since joining the organization has been to raise awareness of the hangar’s plight, hopefully sparking progress. “I’m not a fundraiser; I’m a rabble rouser,” Adams said.

In that regard, the 200-foot hole ripped in the hangar’s roof by a windstorm last December and subsequent closure of the museum may have proved a blessing in disguise. The media coverage that resulted when the port’s board of directors renewed an offer to sell the hangar for \$1 ultimately attracted the at-

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Tillamook clerk discusses election

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With the November general election approaching, Tillamook County Clerk Christy Nyseth has been hosting a series of town halls across the county to educate the public, holding one at the county courthouse on September 30.

At the town hall, Nyseth detailed the process followed by her office to create, send, gather and count Tillamook County voters’ ballots.

The process began after the August 24 candidate-filing deadline, when Nyseth used the proprietary Electionware software to generate a ballot file including all the races, which she then sent to Ryder Elections in Bend. Ryder created proofs of the various ballots that will be needed across the county, which were then checked by clerk’s office staff for accuracy. “I always like to tell people the decimal point matters,” Nyseth said.

Once those proofs were approved, Ryder generated a test deck of 582 ballots marked in every possible combination,

also creating a record of their contents. The test deck will be used during a public certification test of the county’s vote tabulator on October 16, with the tabulator’s results compared against Ryder’s record to confirm its accuracy. The test will be repeated prior to ballot tabulation beginning, as well as when the process concludes.

Ballots will be mailed to voters on October 14, and Nyseth asked citizens to allow five days for the post office to deliver them. Should ballots not arrive by the 19th, Nyseth said to contact her office, and staff will generate a replacement ballot. Replacement ballot envelopes receive a new barcode, different to that on the original ballot envelope, with the original barcode flagged as inactive in the system.

Ballots can be returned to any official drop box location across the county until 8 p.m. on election day, November 3, or by mail, with ballots eligible as long as they are postmarked by election day and received by November 10. Nyseth said that with the post office experiencing longer mail delivery times, she was encouraging people

to make use of a drop box if they were returning their ballot within a week of election day.

“If you’re within that seven-day window before the election and you’re kind of questioning whether you think it’s going to get to us on time, please drop it in a drop box,” Nyseth said. A list of all the ballot drop boxes in the county is available on the clerk’s section of the county website and will be included in the Headlight Herald voters’ guide.

Deputized staff members make regular rounds of the drop boxes in the weeks leading up to the election to collect ballots and return them to the office.

Once ballots arrive at the office, a recently purchased ballot sorter will be used to scan the barcodes on ballot envelopes and divide them by precinct, beginning as soon as ballots begin to be returned. The sorter also captures an image of the signature on each envelope, using the barcode to retrieve the signature on the associated voter registration card. Nyseth or a deputy, both

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Tides of Change marks Domestic Violence Awareness Month

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With October recognized nationally as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the staff at Tides of Change, Tillamook's non-profit agency serving survivors of domestic and gender-based violence, are preparing for a month of awareness-raising activities.

Activities will revolve around a theme of Unmasking Domestic Violence, with two mask-making events on October 7 and 14, before the month culminates in Tides of Change's annual Soup Bowl on October 25, from 5-7 p.m. Tides of Change Executive Director Valerie Bundy said that it has been a challenging year for the agency, with funding challenges and an increased number of clients, and that it was important to have conversations about the issue to remove the stigma of surviving.

"It is so prevalent because we keep it a family secret, we don't talk about it, we make it shameful for survivors," Bundy said. "And the way that we can change that is to actually talk about it and change the narrative."

Bundy said that the last year has been difficult for Tides of Change, as the number of clients they served in 2025 increased to 561, with 11,372 individual services provided. Bundy said that economically challenging times might be contributing to the increase in domestic violence and that the organization was seeing both first-time survivors and the return of others who they haven't seen for years.

At the same time, recruiting and retaining staff has been complicated by reduced funding from the federal government. That has meant a decrease in the number of advocates on staff, forcing the managers of several of the Tides of Changes' programs to see clients. In turn, that has

led to a decrease in services offered, as the staff's time is monopolized by case management.

Decreasing funding has also forced the discontinuation of several programs entirely. Funding for the sexual assault nurse examiner program, which allowed survivors of sexual assault to undergo forensic exams in Tillamook rather than traveling intercounty, expired at the end of September and Bundy said that while she was still searching for a funding source, it looked as though the program would have to be shuttered. Pandemic-era funding to assist survivors of domestic violence with rent also ran out in the past year.

Bundy said that the shifting funding environment gave her pause when considering hiring new staff, though they are needed, as she is uncertain she will be able to fund additional positions next year. The stringent training requirements for staff also complicate matters, with around four months needed before a new hire is ready to see clients on their own.

Looking ahead, Bundy said she is also concerned about the impacts of cuts to Medicaid coming in the new year, as many clients rely on the Oregon Health Plan and have complicated medical situations.

"I'm really concerned when that hits what that's going to mean because we work with a

lot of survivors who have complicated health needs and those are usually more exacerbated because of the violence they're experiencing too," Bundy said, "and what are we going to do when they can't afford their insulin anymore?"

Given those headwinds, Bundy said community support in October would be especially helpful this year.

Tillamook County and City governments will both be issuing proclamations recognizing domestic violence awareness month in their meetings this week, while health care workers are invited to wear purple on October 14, to show support for survivors, while everyone is asked to wear purple on October 15, for the same purpose.

Tides of Change staff will host mask-making events at the Tillamook Library Main Branch on October 7, from 2 to 5 p.m., and at Tillamook Bay Community College, in room 102 in the student learning and support building, from 2 to 5 p.m.

The month will culminate in the Soup Bowl at Pacific Restaurant on October 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. Attendees select a handmade soup bowl donated by a group of potters from Clatsop County, which they take home at the end of the event, and are treated to all-you-can-eat soup from a variety of locals. Tickets can be purchased at <https://ToCSoupbowl2026.eventbrite.com>.

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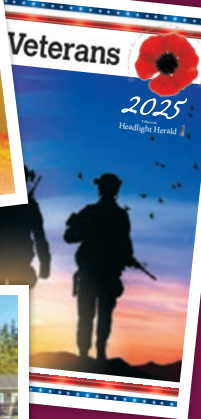
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Tillamook Habitat continues to impact community

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

Nearly 30 years into its existence, Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity has built over 30 homes for residents and continues to erect new houses at a pace of roughly one a year, while also helping with around \$250,000 of critical home repairs annually.

Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Briar Smith recently sat down with the Headlight Herald to discuss the group's ongoing programs and plans for a 12-home development in Bay City that are in their early stages. Smith said that the group's goal remained empowering those who otherwise would not have the opportunity to purchase their own home and helping those who own homes maintain ownership.

"It is important to me to note that we believe in a hand up, not a handout, because I think oftentimes when people think of, especially the home ownership model that Habitat does, it's like, 'Oh, they gave them a free house,'" Smith said. "And it's like, no, we helped them to be able to afford a house that they couldn't have without this for sure. But they have skin in the game. They have a mortgage."

Smith took over as executive director of Tillamook County Habitat for Humanity in June 2022 and has continued a mission first begun by Father Ray Ferguson and John Sandusky in the late 1990s.

Habitat for Humanity has several different programs to help aspiring and existing homeowners, with the most well-known being their construction of new homes that are sold at prices affordable to residents earning 80% of the area's median income (AMI). Smith said that over its history, Tillamook Habitat has built more than 30 homes, with many located in Bay City, where the county has donated foreclosed or unused properties. Smith said that the organization can also rehabilitate dilapidated houses that are donated, cutting down on the costs of connecting utilities, but that there have been fewer instances of that in recent years.

On the day of Smith's interview, she said Habitat's latest home in Bay City was being closed on, with the new owner set to move in, while permitting was underway for a new duplex, also in Bay City.

Since the Covid pandemic, Smith said that Habitat has largely moved away from the large work party model that they used to employ to build houses

and now relies on a smaller group of volunteers who help routinely throughout the construction process. Tillamook Habitat works with contractor Tony Troyer, who Smith said works at a significant discount and brings a great energy to projects.

"Tony is just a blessing to work with," Smith said, "and I think our volunteers exist because he's such a great guy to work with and he believes so much in our mission."

Buyers work with financial institutions to obtain mortgages for the Habitat-constructed homes, with purchase prices set so that mortgage payments will cost 30% of the resident's income.

In addition to home construction, Tillamook Habitat also has a robust critical repairs program to help existing homeowners stay in their houses. The program can cover a variety of repairs or improvements, from the addition of handicapped-accessible ramps to roof repairs and is also open to people making 80% AMI or less. Habitat works with participants based on their income to determine a repayment plan, though those with low enough incomes can qualify for free repairs.

Smith was effusive about the program's benefits, saying that it had supported

some \$250,000 in work last year. "I love our critical repair program. I really think that we've put more emphasis on that the last several years," Smith said. "So, I want us to maintain this goal of one house a year, but if we can keep people safely in their home at the price of \$5,000 to \$30,000 per household, that's pretty epic, right? So, I love that."

Another program Smith touted is one that offers matching funds to prospective home buyers to help with the costs associated with closing or existing homeowners for the cost of repairs. The program will require around \$800,000 in infrastructure development prior to construction of the first house, Smith said. Smith is working to secure funding for the development, which will consist of eight cottages split into two clusters and two duplexes. The project received \$50,000 in pre-development funding from the Tillamook County housing production solutions fund earlier this year.



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NEHALEM BAY HEALTH CENTER AND PHARMACY

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Godwin brings healthcare leadership experience in clinical operations, organizational management and Federally Qualified Health Center operations. Her background includes improving workflows, supporting healthcare teams, strengthening access to care

and helping organizations meet healthcare regulatory and operational requirements.

As chief operating officer, Godwin's responsibilities include operational strategy, workforce planning, compliance, budgeting and resource management, as well as supporting department leaders and organizational priorities.

"I am looking forward to continuing to learn, build strong relationships, and work alongside our team to make meaningful improvements," Godwin said. "I believe that strong organizations are built through teamwork, clear communication, and a shared commitment to doing what is best for the people we serve."

"Dedicated operational leadership will help us strengthen coordination

across the organization and continue meeting the needs of our patients and community," said NBHCP CEO Gail Nelson. "Jamie brings valuable healthcare operations experience to this role, and I look forward to working with her as we continue building for the future."

Outside of work, Godwin enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring the Oregon Coast, traveling, being on the water and working on projects at home.

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WEBS Celebrates

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main focuses: education, stewardship and restoration.

Education efforts began even before WEBS' official formation, with Mundell and other members of the group taking part in the Children's Clean Water Festival, an annual tradition at Twins Rocks Camps that teaches students from each of the county's school districts about issues impacting local water and continues to this day. Today the education efforts have grown to include nine youth education programs for kids from pre-k to sixth grade.

Other facets of the organization's educational outreach include free guided kayak tours of Netarts Bay and tours of tide pools, the installation and maintenance of signage teaching about the bay, as well as training for teachers.

Stewardship programs include cleanup days organized by the group, as well as a recently begun algae monitoring program in partnership with the Oregon Department of Fish and

Wildlife. Twice a month, volunteers with the organization gather water samples from around the bay and use microscopes to check for the presence of various phytoplankton that indicate the presence of harmful algal blooms.

On the restoration front, Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS partners with rangers from Cape Lookout State Park on projects to improve habitat for fish and other aquatic creatures.

From its beginnings as an all-volunteer organization, WEBS has grown to employ three full-time staff, one part-time staff and several seasonal employees in the summertime. The organization relies largely on private donations and foundation funding, as well as volunteers, who filled 380 opportunities last year outside of beach cleanup days.

Michael Krall, president of Friends of Netarts Bay WEBS' board of directors, spoke at the anniversary event and said that he saw the organization as an excellent vehicle for introducing new generations to the area and showing them how to protect it.

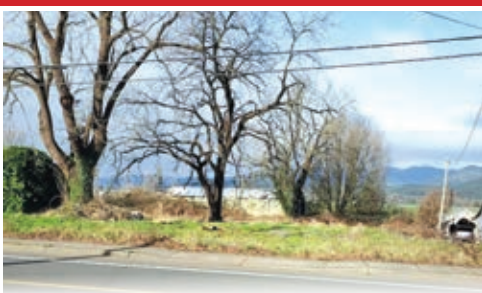
"I realized that WEBS gives us an incredible opportunity to direct some science with nature and

teaching and give back to kids and begin to really show appreciation and stewardship for this wonderful place that we have between Cape Lookout and Cape Meares," Krall said.

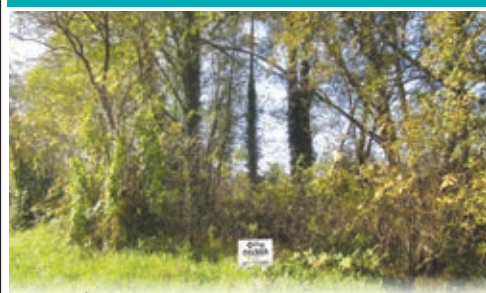
Krall also thanked Smith, who is marking her tenth year as executive director in 2026, after beginning as a volunteer with the organization, saying that she had been crucial to the survival and growth of WEBS. "Chrissy has stewarded WEBS through amazing growth and accomplishment," Krall said, "and it's not hyperbole to say that without Chrissy, if WEBS existed at all, it would not be anywhere near what it is today."

In addition to the speeches from Krall, Anderson and Smith, the North Coast Sea Dogs performed singalong shanties with the crowd, and a celebratory cake was served. Oysters as well as other appetizers were on offer, and several activities including filling in a memory map of Netarts Bay and group mosaic project were collectively enjoyed by attendees.

The event also served as a fundraiser with a silent auction featuring items donated by local businesses, as well as a raffle.

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Oregon's 17 community colleges

generate \$11.0 billion in annual economic impact and support 120,140 jobs across the state, according to a new economic impact study released today by the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). The analysis, conducted by Lightcast using fiscal year 2023-24 data, found that one out of every 23 jobs in Oregon is supported by the activities of the colleges and their students.

"Community colleges work for Oregon every day - preparing people for family-wage careers, helping employers find skilled workers, and strengthening communities in every region of our state," said OCCA Executive Director Abby Lee. "This study puts a clear value on that work. Oregon's investment in community colleges returns benefits to students, taxpayers, businesses and the broader economy."

The \$11.0 billion total includes \$9.9 billion generated by community college alumni through their higher earnings and increased workplace productivity, \$858.1 million from college operations, \$216.8 million from student spending and \$41.0 million from construction activity. The total impact is equal to approximately 3.7% of Oregon's gross state product and is larger than the state's entire accommodation and food services industry.

The study also found:

- Students receive \$4.70 in benefits for every \$1 they invest through higher lifetime earnings. The average associate degree graduate earns about \$9,800 more each year than a worker with only

a high school diploma or equivalent.

- Taxpayers receive \$1.40 in benefits for every \$1 of public funding invested through increased tax revenue and reduced demand for health care, justice system and income-assistance services.

- Oregon society receives \$6.50 in benefits for every \$1 invested through added student income, increased business income, college activities and social savings.

- The colleges served 125,399 credit students and 77,494 non-credit students during the study year, and an estimated 73% of students were employed while attending college.

The findings offer new evidence of the role Oregon's community colleges play in preparing workers, supporting businesses and strengthening communities across the state. They serve Oregonians at every starting point, including students pursuing GEDs, English-language learning, short-term credentials, career and technical education certificates and degrees, transfer degrees and applied bachelor's degrees.

Community colleges are also central to Or-

egon's workforce pipeline. Enrollment is growing, particularly in career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students for high-demand fields such as health care, advanced manufacturing, construction, transportation, public safety and other essential industries. The study's strong return on investment reflects, in part, the value created when community colleges connect Oregonians with the skills employers need and help businesses remain competitive.

In Tillamook County, career and technical education is where education meets opportunity. It gives students a clear, direct path from the classroom into the careers our local employers depend on," said TBCC President Dr. Paul Jarrell. "Through our Rural Guided Pathways work, we're making sure every student, whether they're starting with a GED, learning English, or heading straight into a certificate, can see exactly where they're headed and how to get there. Our new Center for Industrial Technology takes that a step further, with modern equipment like CNC machining and robotic welding in a space

built for hands-on learning. This study confirms what we see every day: when we invest in CTE, we invest in the people and businesses that keep our community strong."

The findings underscore that investing in community colleges is an investment in Oregon's workforce and economic future. Continued state support helps colleges respond to employer demand, maintain high-cost CTE programs, keep education affordable, and provide the advising, financial aid, tutoring, technology, and other services students need to complete their education and enter the workforce.

The Lightcast study evaluates both the colleges' direct economic activity and the long-term benefits generated for students, taxpayers and society. It uses academic and financial data from Oregon's community colleges, federal industry and employment data, Lightcast's economic modeling, and established research connecting education with earnings and social outcomes.

The executive summary and full report are available from OCCA at www.occa17.com.

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TAPA Announces Auditions for ‘The Pros & Cons of Killing Your Husband’

Tillamook Association for the Performing Arts (TAPA) is inviting local actors to step into the spotlight for its next production, "The Pros & Cons of Killing Your

Husband," a darkly funny comedy about marriage, friendship and what happens when "til death do us part" starts sounding like a plan. Sponsored by Krazy Kat Publishing LLC, this production is directed by Kelli McMellon and will run February 19 through March 7, 2027.

Auditions will be held October 10 and 11, at 2 p.m. both days, at Oregon Coast Dance Center, 312 Main Ave. in Tillamook.

TAPA is seeking nine actors for the production:

five women and four men. The characters range in age from 20s - 70s. Find a full character list on TAPA's website tillamooktheater.com under Auditions. This play offers plenty of humor, colorful characters and some seriously questionable decisions, making it an opportunity for actors to take on a comedy with plenty of personality.

Auditions are open to all ages and experience levels. Those auditioning should be prepared to read from the script, potentially

as different characters, and should consider which roles they would like to pursue and their availability during the rehearsal and performance schedule. An audition form will be available at auditions. Script samples and full character descriptions are available through TAPA's website at tillamooktheater.com/auditions.

For questions about this production contact director Kelli McMellon at kellimc101@gmail.com.

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FOTAM Hangar Repair

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tention of Sean O'Brien, president and founder of Vintage Aviation Museum, a Utah nonprofit.

O'Brien agreed to a term sheet in August for the purchase of the hangar for \$1 and the museum and its collection for \$20. The term sheet also included a land lease for \$9,118.42 monthly, which was finalized on September 30. The sale will be finalized when the flap removal, which is ongoing and being paid for by

the port and funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is complete. That completion is currently expected by mid-October, according to Port of Tillamook Bay General Manager Michele Bradley.

At that point, O'Brien has announced that he plans to reopen the Tillamook Air Museum housing its previous collection, as well as the bulk the Vintage Aviation Museum's collection currently housed in Spanish Fork, Utah. O'Brien, a contractor with a background in aviation construction, told the Headlight Herald that he plans to quickly move to repair the hole in the roof and will be working with

Gage Contractors out of Cloverdale.

Initial estimates for the repair of the hole fielded by the port came in at \$3 to \$5 million, but O'Brien said that he expects to complete the work at a price an order of magnitude lower due to being free of prevailing-wage requirements and his background in aviation construction.

Adams said that the selection of a local firm to complete the work had been a final deciding factor for FOTAM board members in making the donation to the Tillamook Air Museum (Vintage Aviation Museum has now assumed that name). Adams said that the board was still considering FOTAM's path forward but "the bottom line is that we want to save the hangar, period."

To that end, FOTAM announced a new fundraising campaign on September 30, pledging to donate \$50,000 of the funds remaining in their coffers to the air museum to further support the hole repair. A link to donate to that campaign can be found on the Tillamook Air Museum's Facebook page.

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Police Patrol Help

The Highway 101 upgrade in Garibaldi was completed in September 2025. The funds for this upgrade were provided by Federal, State and the City of Garibaldi.

The total for this project was over \$11 million. It has vastly improved the city’s look and is much appreciated. Highway 101 is now up to national code through the city with wider lanes and a shared bicycle lane with parking available in most portions of the city.

Traffic has been moving through the community efficiently and safely; however, traffic issues have become a problem since the beginning of 2026. The city has seen multiple traffic accidents in the downtown core area.

The first accident occurred at Hwy. 101 near Franklin Ave. A driver was making a left hand turn south bound and was rear ended by an inattentive driver. The impact caused total damage to the first vehicle and serious damage to the second.

The second accident involved a rollover vehicle between 4th and 5th St. on Hwy. 101. No injuries were reported; however, the vehicle was a total loss. How can this happen in a 25-mph speed zone in the middle of the town?

The third accident occurred at 6th St. on Hwy. 101 with another inattentive driver hitting a power pole head on and chain reacting another power pole at the city hall. The power was out in the city for approximately 6 hours. The same 25 mph speed zone as the second accident.

The fourth accident involved a vehicle making a south bound left turn at Halverson Lane on Hwy. 101. The vehicle behind had stopped for the first, however the third vehicle was not paying attention and caused a three-vehicle chain reaction accident. The third vehicle was a total loss. One person was sent to the hospital. This speed zone was 35 mph.

Traffic is moving through Garibaldi above the speed limit and it shows. We need help from the state police and the county sheriff’s department patrolling to keep the community safe. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Rolland Sheldon Garibaldi

A vote for Bade

I’m proud to endorse Linda Bade for mayor. Her credentials are “second to none”. Along with her leadership and one of the best city councils Garibaldi has ever had, her work experience of 20 years for the Federal Government (audits) combined with 13 years for Clark County in the State of Washington (audits), makes her just what Garibaldi needs—someone that can help Garibaldi manage money. I believe that she can help to successfully balance the budget and return it to the black. I truly believe it is now or never.

Also, Linda loves this town. She has owned a home here for 26 years and has been a resident for 13 years. Effectively demonstrating

an active engagement and genuine care for the community, Linda has set up town hall meetings, listened to people and directly responded to their concerns. She is totally committed to engaging local residents and business owners to bring the community together. Her leadership style is to ensure our city infrastructure and growth will directly benefit everyone in Garibaldi.

Hopefully, you will do your research and vote for Linda Bade for Mayor.

Sincerely,

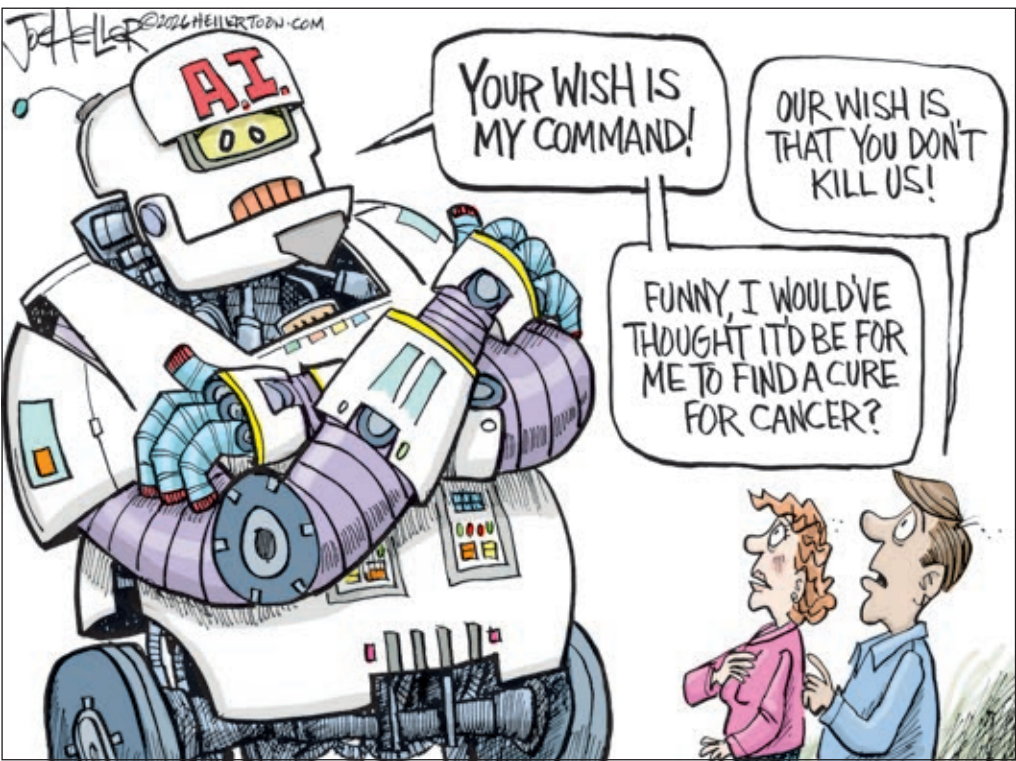
Gary Owen Garibaldi

Support for City Council Garibaldi

We are supporting Linda Bade for mayor and Norman “Bud” Shattuck for councilor for the City of Garibaldi. Linda has been leading the council since the resignation of the former mayor and the firing of the city manager.

Mayor Bade and councilor Cheryl Gierga have been presenting town hall meetings to get the citizens involved with their input as to the direction of the city. Good information is being discussed and presented back to them with follow up meetings and progress reports.

Bade, Gierga and Shattuck are dedicated office holders trying to get the city back on track. The city is nearing two audits behind with the help of our Finance Officer and currently acting City Manager Becca Harth. It takes patience and time to



get the mess straightened out that was left behind by the former mayor and city manager.

Garibaldi has two new councilors that have the city’s heart moving forward. Let’s keep moving forward and not looking back. We are not going in that direction.

Rolland and Colleen Sheldon Garibaldi

Supporting Armitage

I am excited to be voting for Rachel Armitage, who is running for Oregon State Senate District #16, and I am very happy she is back. She was appointed to that position in 2022 and completed Betsy Johnson’s term, where among many other responsibilities she assisted veterans,

rural families, and foster youth. Then, she worked at the Oregon Community Foundation as the North Coast Program Officer. She worked with community leaders in Tillamook, Clatsop, and Columbia counties.

I have talked with Rachel, and her ability to develop strong relationships is one of her many strengths. I know she will care about all people in her district, and she absolutely gets results. For example, when she was previously a state senator, she was able to get funding for important infrastructure in the North Coast.

Because she comes from a working-class family, she understands the issues that confront many of us. The cost of food, rent and utilities are all increasing. Focusing on quality schools, affordable housing and healthcare, and protecting those with

preexisting conditions, are all critical. She will fight to get results.

Who is an Oregon state senator is increasingly important. The Trump administration attempted to restrict voting rights including mail-in ballots and the postal services, and fortunately, was stymied by the Supreme Court.

Elections are to be run by the states, not the federal government.

It’s vital to fight against those who are primarily interested in cruelty and retribution and those who would prefer an authoritarian government to a democracy. Vote by mail or put in an official drop box as soon as you can. I prefer the drop box. At the local level, we can make a difference. Our vote can make a difference.

Kathie Van Loh Hebo

Understanding City Charters in Oregon

CHARLES MCNEILLY
Mayor, Rockaway Beach

Have you ever wondered what gives our city the authority to build parks, main-

tain roads, provide services or adopt local ordinances? We often think about the U.S. Constitution or state law when we think about government, but one of

the documents that has the greatest impact on our everyday lives is much closer to home: our city charter.

In Oregon, a city charter is a local constitution. It establishes the basic framework for city government—how it is organized, who has responsibility for what and how decisions are made.

To understand why this matters, we must go back to 1906, when Oregon voters amended the state constitution to give cities “Home Rule.” Before then, cities often had to rely on the state legislature to make changes involving their local government. Home Rule gave

Oregon communities much greater control over their own affairs.

That tradition of local decision-making continues today. It gives communities like Rockaway Beach the ability to shape their government around local needs and priorities rather than having every decision made in Salem.

Our own charter also tells us how Rockaway Beach is governed.

We use a council-manager form of government. Residents elect a mayor and five city councilors to represent the community and set policy. They listen to

residents, collaborate with staff and consultants, and adopt ordinances and resolutions that guide the city.

The council appoints a professional city manager who oversees the city’s day-to-day operations, including public works, utilities, finances, staff and other services. This structure creates a clear distinction: elected officials set the city’s direction, while professional staff carry it out.

Most importantly, the city charter belongs to the community. Significant changes are not simply made at city hall. Amendments to the charter go before the voters,

giving residents a direct voice in determining how their city government is structured.

That is what makes our charter more than just a legal document. It is an expression of local self-government and a reminder that residents have a vital role in shaping the future of Rockaway Beach.

As our community changes and faces new opportunities and challenges, this framework helps ensure that our government can change—while keeping the ultimate authority where it belongs: with the people of Rockaway Beach.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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Results from our online poll:

If the election for Oregon House of Representatives District 32 were held today, for whom would you vote?

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Republican Max Sherman

152

Democrat Cyrus Javadi

12

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FENCEPOSTS

I was walking north through the village when I saw something new rounding the corner from Bayocean Road to 4th Street NW. It’s not a bird; it’s not a plane...it’s SuperPam. Yes, it was my first sighting of neighbor Pam Robenolt on her new electric tricycle. You read that right: tricycle, not bicycle. A trike is very stable and better for balance; just what Pam wanted for long rides out the rocky dike road between Cape Meares Lake and Tillamook Bay and further on out Bayocean Spit. In fact, Pam tells me there is a “biker gang” forming in Cape Meares, with neighbors Terry Fithen, Ann

Quinn, Wendy Burroughs and Mimi Maduro joining her for rides. Other Cape Meares bike or trike riders are welcome to join. Have fun, folks. Three tourists reached the remote Lost Boy Beach via a sea cave on September 18, hoping to get a dramatic beach picture. They got more than they bargained for when the tide came in and stranded them on the narrow strip of sand and gravel for nearly five hours. There is no cell phone service there, but one of the visitors was able to make contact with 911 using a cell phone or smart watch emergency satellite feature. The

Netarts-Oceanside Fire District came to their rescue, clipping life vests onto each person and using ropes to guide them through the surf to where they could safely walk ashore. A lucky bunch, for sure. Many thanks to the emergency responders who saved the group. Get ready to rock ‘n roll. The Great Oregon Shakeout will take place on Thursday, October 15, at 10:15 a.m. Pretend the Cascadia Subduction Zone ruptures at 10:15 a.m. with a 9+ mega earthquake. Drop, cover and hold. When you think the shaking is over (5-10 minutes), pick up your grab ‘n go bag and head to your



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assigned assembly area before the tsunami hits (15 minutes). You’ll receive further instructions from your neighborhood captain there. Not sure where your assembly site is? Visit capemeares.org, click on the “Emergency Preparedness” tab and then go to

“Prepare Your Neighborhood.” Manon Veilleux continues to do her monthly road litter patrol, going from her house on 4th Street NW to the dike road. She is regularly accompanied by neighbor Dave Dittmer and sometimes others. She reports their “finds” in our Cape Meares private group on social media site MeWe, often with a humorous twist. Manon got into this road cleaning gig because she once saw a hundred or so bottle caps dumped along the roadside by Cape Meares Lake. The caps remained there for some time; Manon thought for sure someone would pick them up. But when

no one had by the next time she visited her Cape Meares cabin, she decided it would have to be her. Hats off to Manon and her helpers for taking on this stretch in our village and keeping it clean. Renovations on the old oyster house along Bayocean Road are picking up speed. We watch the progress as we fish for salmon in Tillamook Bay. Most of the siding is down and new sheathing is going up. There is a lot of work to do to turn it into a seafood restaurant, Bayocean Oyster House, by spring 2027. Surely, it will be worth the wait, a special place for all of us to take our houseguests.

Greetings from Rockaway Beach. The Neah-Kah-Nie Coast Art Foundation (NCAM) is another wonderful local program working to support cultural experiences in our community. NCAM Foundation members believe that everyone deserves access to cultural expression through music, art, writing and cultural programs. Money raised by this group funds two distinct areas. The first is a scholarship program for high school seniors pursuing further education and training in creative activities such as fine arts, writing, cooking and

coding. The other portion goes to special projects and right now they are raising money to build a modern recording studio at Neah-Kah-Nie High School. This studio would facilitate a music technology program to benefit students who wish to pursue a career in music and accommodate those students who may be interested in the technical and production aspect of the music industry. Three years ago, NCAM embarked on their first initiative: the Rockaway Writers Rendezvous (RWR) which has turned into a popular annual event with support from the Tillamook



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County Library. The 4th annual NWR included workshops, a keynote presentation, networking, raffles, prizes and writing competitions. After judging, award-winning submissions are included in an RWR Anthology. The anthology is a celebration of the talent and creativity that thrives here in Rockaway Beach and includes fiction, non-fiction, poetry and song lyrics. The 2025 Rockaway Writers Rendezvous Anthology is

available at Sequest Treasures or on Amazon. The RWR 2026 Anthology is under development and will be ready for the holidays. NCAM Fundraising efforts include sponsorships, memberships and events like the Rockaway Beach Music Festival and their upcoming NCAM Winter Auction and Dinner. This year’s dinner will be Sunday November 8th at the Portside Bistro in Garibaldi. The NCAM Winter Dinner and Auction will feature Chef Dennis’s barbecue spread and include a silent auction with a live musical performance. Tickets can be purchased at ncamfounda-

tion.org. Proceeds from this event are earmarked to support the Neah-Kah-Nie High School Music Program and Scholarships. NCAM is completely powered by volunteers and local sponsorships. All money raised supports their ongoing efforts to bring cultural opportunities for people of all ages living here at the coast. NCAM is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation, so donations are tax deductible as allowed by law. The temperatures are dropping during the evenings, making for crisp morning beach walks. Maisie doesn’t seem to mind, and she has a lovely

thick fur coat. As we enter October and get ready for the holidays, kids (of all ages) are already looking forward to Halloween, and the promise of many sweet treats. The Rockaway Beach Fire and Rescue Department is preparing for their Annual “Trunk or Treat.” This event will be held in the Anchor Street Park parking lot on Saturday October 31st from 3 to 5 p.m. This is a community celebration and will include candy, hot dogs, Pete the Pumpkin and prizes for the best decorated trunk. If you want to be a part of the fun, pick up an application at Rockaway Beach City Hall.

I loaned out my car last weekend and consequently stayed home. I took the opportunity to

wander from my Parkway Drive neighborhood on foot to enjoy first impressions of the new Clover-

dale Café and Riverside lounge. Located in the former Dory Restaurant, it’s located at the north end of downtown Cloverdale. I ordered biscuits and gravy (\$14.50) and a bloody Mary (\$10) for Sunday brunch. Both were excellent. The former came with two eggs cooked to order and a generous serving of chunky hashbrowns with peppers. The latter included a celery stick, a pickled pepper, a slice of lemon, a sizable olive, and two colorful straws for stirring or sipping. My friendly server returned at least four times to verify that I had what I needed and that everything was to my liking. (I did and it was) I’ll be back for lunch. Thanks to Merrily Ario for word that Nesko Women’s Club will meet mid-month. news. They’ll meet at Kiawanda Community Center at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 16. The community service organization is open to any woman residing in South Tillamook County. For October, the group is collecting packaged candy for Halloween shenanigans.



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For more information or reservations call Robin at 503-913-4171 or Julie at 503-863-9307. Hebo’s own Marilyn Burkhardt leads drawing sessions from 6-8 p.m. on third Thursdays monthly (October 15) at Nestucca High School. Participants contribute \$2 each towards rental of the space and take turns posing for each other. The address is 34660 Parkway Drive, in Cloverdale. Contact Marilyn Burkhardt, 503-392-3333 by phone, or email artist@marilynburkhardt.com. Free online parenting classes are offered this month via Zoom. Tillamook Family Counseling Center and Northwest Par-

enting are sponsoring the “Active Parenting” course with three sessions on successive Wednesday evenings from 6-8 p.m. starting Wednesday, October 14. It includes practical parenting/caregiver skills, effective non-violent discipline strategies, improved communication skills and strategies for student success. To register, email melissacs@tfcc.org. Remember that The Seven Capes Bird Alliance is sponsoring two bird walks this weekend. Participants, dressed for the weather with binoculars if we have them, will meet at Boiler Bay State Scenic Viewpoint parking lot by 10 a.m. for a driving tour of rocky habitats this Saturday, October 10. “Some excellent seabird watching and possible glimpses of shorebirds” are hoped for. The group will caravan to Depoe Bay and Otter Crest Loop where we’ll learn more about our protected near-shore habitats and the critters that depend on them. In addition, bird enthusiasts (outfitted as described above) will meet

at 9 a.m. this Friday, October 9 at Taft waterfront (near Mo’s Restaurant) to carpool to Lincoln City’s Wastewater Treatment Plant, “a great place to observe migrating waterfowl and shore birds.” There is permission to park eight cars there. We should allow two hours, including carpool time, to be back to our cars by 11. Kiawanda Community Center serves senior lunches at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays (October 6) and Wednesdays (October 7) for \$3 each. (Others may partake for \$6.) Bingo there is planned from 1-3 p.m. on Thursdays (October 8). For more information call 971-212-7131 or go to kiawanda.com. Happy birthday this week to: Dawson Boisa, Jamie Chambers, Naomi Collett, Jesse Craven, Jennifer (Griggs) Fromm, Sue Orrielly Hagerty, Jason Green, Skyler Huddleston, Pat Hurliman, Nicholas Merrell, Kim Oulman, Aylani Arreola Perez, Earl Pullen, George D. Sisson, Colt Wettstein and Dawson Wohl.



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day, October 3rd from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the Blood Mobile will be there, education for both fire and emergency management, and hot dogs and chips. There is the Great Shake-out on the 15th at 10:15 a.m. Halloween is at the end of the month. Then Thanksgiving will be upon us in November; the city will celebrate with a tree lighting ceremony on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Holiday shopping and festivities will culminate with Christmas, and we can bring in the New Year. How time flies. Threaded Peaks – quilt fabric, notions, yarn, gifts - has passed inspections and their grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, October 17th, at 9:30 a.m. County Commissioner Mary Faith Bell will be cutting the ribbon and Pastor Rich Jenks will be offering the prayer and blessing for the building. In the meantime, there is a “soft” opening, and you will be able to see what the shop has to offer. This is a fresh new space filled with color to spark your creative juices. Council held another town hall this week with close to twenty of you in attendance. Councilors were able to answer ques-



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tions from you and clear up several misunderstandings. We were asked about the backlog of financial statement audits – the city is currently one audit behind with the current audit not due until December 31st. Other concerns about the city’s financial condition were addressed. Concerns were raised about the pile of grindings on Ginger. These grindings are from the ODOT work on Hwy 101 and they are a resource for fixing potholes. They reduce the expense of filling potholes around town. Council is now meeting three times each month – once to discuss issues, once for the business meeting and once for a town hall. The town hall is for the council to hear from you about what you want to see for the city, what needs to be done,

where to direct council’s attention. This council hopes to create a five-year strategic plan to help move the city forward with purpose and intention. Such a plan will allow both council and management to see what funds are needed for the expenses the city will be facing – especially those needed to maintain the wastewater, water and street systems. There will be other expenses the city could incur and planning for those now will help ensure the city is ready and able to maintain its infrastructure. Plans help make things happen. As a reminder the council has been asked to make a proclamation related to immigration. The group that brought this forward has updated the draft. It will be posted on the city office door and is on the city’s website. Council will be looking at it in the workshop on Monday, October 5th. No decision will be made at that meeting, and the proclamation should be coming back to the business meeting on October 19th. The council would like to encourage you to provide comments on this document for the council’s consideration.

Ronald Gregory Smith

March 9, 1950 - Sept. 12, 2026



Ronald Gregory Smith, 76, of Tillamook passed away suddenly on Sept. 12th 2026.

Ron, the eldest of 3 boys, was born in McMinnville March 9, 1950 to Robert & Shirley Smith. Ron was raised in Tillamook and met his wife Betty Udenby where they raised their only child (son) Bryan Smith.

Ron worked in the logging industry his entire life. After retirement Ron enjoyed spending lots of time helping on his son's oyster farm and fishing in the Ocean. Hunting, fishing cutting wood were amongst his favorite pastimes along with any outdoor activities spent

with family and friends.

Ron is survived by his brother Rock Smith, son Bryan Smith (Tracy) of

Tillamook. Nephews Toby Smith, Roby Smith (Jennifer), David Smith (Lyndsay). Maria Schmitt for her support and companionship to Ron.

Ron is preceded in death by his Parents Bob & Shirley, ex-wife Betty and brother Robin Smith (Red).

Ron will be deeply missed by his family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Please join us for a Potluck gathering to share stories and memories of Ron. November 7th, 2026 1 PM @ the Officers Mess Hall, 6825 Officers Row on Blimp Base.

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Last week driving south along Highway 101, near the Hathaway Slough, there were numerous cars stopped along the west side of the roadway, people were standing on the inside of the guardrails there with lots of camera equipment and binoculars. My first thought was they were looking at the elk that are often in that area, but they are usually on the east side of the road.

After some investigation, I was able to find out that the people were bird-watchers, and they were looking at a very unusual bird for this area. The bird was a Eurasian Ruff, a medium sized sandpiper type bird, known for their very dramatic and colorful neck ruffs that breeding males grow to impress the ladies. The Ruff is about a foot tall, and they like marshy wet areas where they hunt for aquatic insects and invertebrates. According to the birdwatchers, they are rare in this area, maybe blown off course on their journey. There were also some white necked geese in the same area that



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are also unusual. It was cool to see how excited everyone was to see these unusual birds in this area.

The City of Bay City is holding a candidates' forum so that voters in Bay City can obtain more information about all the candidates running for city offices in the November 2026 election. Both candidates for Mayor (two-year term) and all eight candidates for City Councilor (three four-year terms) have been invited to participate. A moderator will facilitate the forum. Members of the public are invited to attend and participate. Residents will have the opportunity to submit questions for the

candidates. A quorum of the city council may be present, but no vote will be taken, nor decision made, on any city matter at this event. The event will be held in the Ad Montgomery Community Hall, from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Monday, October 12th the city council workshop will be held at 5:30 and the Council meeting will take place Tuesday, October 13th beginning at 6 p.m. The public is always encouraged to attend.

Fall debris collection will take place on the weekend of October 24th and 25th, from 9-4 on both days. Yard debris can be dropped off at Watt Family Park on Tillamook Avenue. This free event is part of the Firewise program and there will be more information on this program available from volunteers at the drop off site. This is an ideal time to be trimming shrubs, cut back perennials and empty out containers, so this makes fall clean-up much easier and it's a great way to get your yard ready for winter.

NEWS

Here's how Oregonians want the state to address its transportation budget crisis

MIA MALDONADO
Oregon Capital Chronicle

Oregonians ranked maintaining and preserving highways and bridges and improving safety as the top priorities they think the Oregon Department of Transportation should focus on as it looks to resolve a \$200 million budget gap in the 2027-29 budget cycle.

Between August and September, the group Gov. Tina Kotek tasked with vetting solutions to the state's transportation budget crisis surveyed Oregonians about what they think the state's spending priorities should be. The Oregon Capital Chronicle obtained a copy of the survey responses, as well as an analysis of the responses compiled by Department of Transportation staff.

About 8,650 Oregonians from all counties except Wheeler County responded to the survey. More than 60% of respondents live in the Portland metro area, according to the survey analysis. In 2024, nearly half of Oregon's population lived

in the Portland metro area, according to a state economic analysis.

Survey comments express frustration with spending, emphasize public transit

The first question in the survey asked respondents to rank six transportation priorities:

- Improving safety
- Reliable public transit
- Easier to bike and walk
- Better traffic flow
- Maintaining the system, such as fixing potholes, clearing debris and snow
- Preserving key assets, such as bridges and roads needing replacement

Maintaining the transportation system was ranked as the top priority in the survey, followed by preserving key assets, improving safety, making it easier to bike and walk, reliable public transit and better traffic flow.

Nearly 4,600 people included comments in their

answers to this question, including hundreds who expressed their frustration with cuts to TriMet, Portland's public transportation system. Many of them said they rely on public transportation because they cannot afford a car or because of health issues.

The department did not include commenters' names in its records release, or any other identifying information aside from each respondent's zip code.

"I'm an avid public transportation user because my life was altered by a driver hitting me while I was cycling in the bike lane during the day," a person wrote. "Making the roads safer for all, especially pedestrians and cyclists, is important. Public transit is the greenest and most viable option, especially when coupled with reliability and safety."

Nearly 40 comments said they want the state to focus on increasing wildlife crossings, which wasn't listed as a priority option in the survey.

Other comments expressed frustration with

the department's financial efficiency, asking that it creates more cost-effective ways to complete projects.

"No new taxes," a person wrote. "There are too many taxes in Oregon. Reduce expenses first. Increase efficiency," another person wrote.

The second question in the survey asked Oregonians how they would allocate transportation funding, asking them to put the percentage of funding they think each priority category should receive. The survey analysis shows respondents said the transportation agency should focus its funding on maintaining its infrastructure, followed by focusing on preserving assets and public transit.

The third question asked respondents about what type of transportation service reductions would impact them the most. The answers mirrored responses to the first question, saying not maintaining the system, preserving key assets and improving safety would impact them the most.

The last question was

an optional and open-ended question, asking Oregonians what a well-managed transportation system looks like to them.

Of the more than 6,800 responses to this question, an analysis conducted by Oregon Department of Transportation staff found that 20% of responses want a transportation system that offers different transit options that works for people of all income levels and communities.

"A successful transportation system gives people the freedom to choose what transportation mode they wish to use by equally investing in making them all safe and reliable," one respondent wrote.

Another 19% of responses called for more reliable public transit options, while 17% of responses said the transportation agency should focus on budgeting and delivering projects.

The remaining responses asked the agency to focus on maintaining roads and bridges, improving traffic flow and eliminating perceived wasteful spending.

"Stop pushing ridiculously expensive freeway expansion projects that do nothing at all to address safety, congestion, connectivity or reliability in our transportation system..." a person wrote. "Develop and maintain a transportation system that provides options people can afford, rather than mandate car ownership."

Kotek's workgroup will hear the results of the findings at its next meeting on Oct. 9. The group has until the end of the year to present its transportation funding recommendations to the governor.

<https://oregoncapitalchronicle.com/2026/09/29/heres-how-oregonians-want-the-state-to-address-its-transportation-budget-crisis/>

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ELECTION

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of whom receive annual FBI training in signature verification, then review the signatures against each other.

If approved, the envelopes are ready to be opened and separated.

If not approved, the ballot and envelope are flagged and removed from the process, and a postcard is sent to the voter who submitted it. That voter then has until November 24, to return the postcard with a signature that matches the one on the envelope, with the ballot staying in the envelope until that happens.

Nyseth asked voters whose signatures were challenged not to take offense, noting that many peoples' signatures change over time and that signing conditions at the DMV were suboptimal. "Please don't be offended that we challenge your signature because a lot of times,

especially with Oregon motor voter and automatic voter registration we're getting your signature from DMV on the pinpad," Nyseth said.

Bipartisan teams of two trained, paid election workers will then open the envelopes, beginning on October 28. Envelopes are kept face down to maintain anonymity and the teams inspect the ballots inside for issues like incorrect markings or soiling. Election workers will correct issues, often using white-out, so that the tabulator can read the ballot, or if the ballot is too soiled or the registration marks around its border that allow the tabulator to align it are removed, workers will duplicate the ballot.

Nyseth said that Oregon is a voter intent state, meaning that election workers are allowed to interpret a voter's desire in races where two candidates were marked, whether they were marked as indicated in the graphic on the ballot.

Ballots are then run

through the tabulator, with results recorded in the same Electionware software used to build the ballot, which is housed on a hard-in laptop with no wireless connections. The software will generate a .xml file that Nyseth will send to the secretary of state's office by the certification deadline.

Nyseth said that the first results from the election will be released at 8 p.m. on election night, with an update later that night when the tabulation for all ballots submitted to drop boxes is complete. The next update will come the following week after the deadline for mailed ballots to arrive passes, and final, certified results must be submitted to the secretary of state's office by December 10. The secretary of state's office will also select three percent of the ballots submitted by the county for a hand count to spot check the tabulator's result.

Voters can track the progress of their ballot on the secretary of state's

website using the Oregon My Vote tool or can go to ballottrax.com and opt in for a more up-to-date picture of where their ballot is in this year's election.

While President Donald Trump has spent much of the year trying to promote legislation or take executive action restricting or regulating mail-in voting, a lack of senatorial action for the former and court restrictions on the latter mean those efforts will not impact this year's election, though that could change in the future. "So, we'll just wait and see what happens, but we'll just continue to follow state law, as we always have, and continue to do our work," Nyseth said.

Nyseth also said that there will be a new ballot drop box in Beaver at the fire station this year and encouraged anybody with questions about the process to contact her office or attend the final town hall on October 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Kiawanda Community Center in Pacific City.

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Tillamook County Burn Ban Terminated October 1

TILLAMOOK COUNTY FIRE DEFENSE BOARD

The Tillamook County Fire Defense Board in conjunction with the Oregon Department of Forestry has allowed burning in burn barrels and small open debris pile burning since October 1.

In Tillamook County burning permits are required for open burning. For residents that live

within the boundaries of a city fire department or rural fire protection district, they will need to contact their local fire department for burn permit requirements. In the remainder of Tillamook County, the Oregon Department of Forestry issues burning permits.

The public is reminded to practice safe burning year-round. Please consider the following when burning:

- One adult in attendance at all times
- Have a charged water hose and shovel nearby
- No burning during east winds
- Burn during daylight hours only
- Ensure fires are completely extinguished with water when done

For further information please contact your local fire district or the Oregon Department of Forestry.

AAUW Candidates' Forum scheduled October 13

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The American Association of University Women Tillamook chapter is hosting a candidates' forum for the State Senate District 16 and State Representative District 32 races.

The forum will be held on Tuesday, October 13th starting at 6 p.m. at the

Tillamook Bay Community College, in the new Healthcare and Administration Building Community Center- rooms 116A&B. The meeting can also be attended virtually via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9618460049?pwd=S3FDT1lBdlhFcHdvVINNQVWSGMQT09>

Questions can be submitted at the event, in advance via email to lisaphipps08@gmail.com,

or during the forum in the chat box. Questions will be read by the moderator. This is an exciting opportunity to meet the candidates for offices that play a vital role in ensuring the success of our county. This is a chance to hear directly from the candidates about their vision, experience and goals, as well as how they will help Tillamook County and the north coast.

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Mooks squeak out win over Tigers

WILL CHAPPELL
Headlight Editor

In a pivotal Cowapa League matchup, the Tillamook Cheesemakers' football team snatched victory from the jaws of defeat with a 35-34 road win over the Taft High School Tigers on October 2 in Lincoln City.

A thrilling fourth quarter saw 22 points scored in the game's final 63 seconds, 15 by the Mooks, culminating in an Aden Camacho Garcia rushing touchdown with 12 seconds remaining that lifted the Mooks to victory. Before the final, frenzied minute, Tillamook had taken an early 12-0 lead, before two lost fumbles, two wild snaps on punts, including one that resulted in a safety for the Tigers and numerous penalties helped Taft score 27 unanswered, before the Cheesemakers came storming back over the game's final seven minutes. Camacho Garcia led the Mooks with two rushing touchdowns and three pivotal two-point conversions, in a game that kept the Mooks in the hunt for a top three finish in the Cowapa League and state playoff berth.

"This was kind of the tale of two entirely separate games, again," said Tillamook Head Coach Kye Johnson. "We played well in the early portion of the game and thankfully had enough time to hit the gas pedal and do it again at the end. But the second and third quarters were pretty poor football from us. We turned the ball over in the kick return game again, we snapped the ball over our punter's head, and we couldn't get our defense off of the field on third and fourth downs. It felt like our opponent had the football for the entire second and third quarters."

Tillamook received the opening kickoff and started the first drive at their 38-yard line. After picking up four on first, Camacho Garcia found the right edge and made it to the Tigers' 42 before being pushed out of bounds. Another Camacho Garcia rush on second and ten picked up 16, and Maciel picked up five to put the Mooks in the red zone and another five for a first at the 15. Three Camacho Garcia rushes brought up a fourth and five and Johnson elected to go for it, stacking the backfield and calling Maciel's number, with the back picking up six for a first at the four.

The first two plays at the goal line went backwards two yards before quarterback Kevin Hurliman found Brodee Leno on the left side at the two and the receiver danced into the end zone. A two-point attempt was unsuccessful, leaving Tillamook ahead 6-0 with just over



Aden Camacho Garcia bursts across the goal line with 12 seconds remaining to tie the game for the Mooks.

seven minutes remaining in the first quarter.

Taft started their first drive at the 27 and lost yardage on three consecutive plays, bringing up a fourth and 23 and the punt team. A short punt set the Cheesemakers' offense up at the Tigers' 45.

A holding penalty on first down brought back an apparent Camacho Garcia touchdown and put the Mooks ten behind the chains but a Leno reception quickly made up the deficit and picked up a first at the 30. A pass interference penalty gave Tillamook a first at the 20 and two more rushes from Cyrus Werner and Camacho Garcia brought up first and goal at the ten.

Camacho Garcia picked up eight before capping the drive with a two-yard touchdown rush extending the Mooks lead to 12-0 with 2:41 left in the first after a missed PAT.

Taking over at their own 30, Taft again moved backward, losing ten on a first down sack before picking up their first yards of the night on an eight-yard completion followed by another nine on third. Facing fourth and three the Tigers elected to go for it and moved the chains with a short completion. A big rush moved Taft to the Mooks' 31 and after converting on a fourth and five, the Tigers were in the Tillamook red zone. Taft picked up another first at the eight and finished the drive with an eight-yard rush to cut the lead to 12-7 with 9:50 left in the first half after a successful PAT.

Camacho Garcia fumbled



Brodee Leno got Tillamook out to an early lead with a first quarter receiving touchdown.

the ensuing kickoff and Taft recovered, giving the Tigers possession again at the Mooks' 41.

Taft picked up a quick first and facing a fourth and three at the 23, elected to go for it. A false start made it fourth and eight and the Mooks defense sacked the quarterback, forcing a turnover on downs at the 34.

Camacho Garcia picked up ten and nine and successive rushes and another first at the Tiger 45 on a direct snap. The drive then stalled

with the Mooks moving one yard backwards on three downs and after Hurliman looked to have kept the drive alive with a completion to Carson Remington, the receiver fumbled the ball, with Taft recovering at their 35.

The Tigers began driving again as four minutes ticked by in the half, finding a rhythm through the air to pick up two firsts and continuing to push into Tillamook territory as time wore down. A 15-yard rush put Taft inside the red zone with under a minute left, and the Tigers scored on a twelve-yard rush with just 21 seconds remaining. A blocked PAT left Taft with the 13-12 advantage, which they took to the half.

Taft took control of the ball at their own 35 to start the second half and picked up a first on a fourth and one to keep the drive moving. Another first down pushed the Tigers into Tillamook territory and a 20-yard completion moved them to the 25, and they kept advancing until they scored on a five-yard rush. After an unsuccessful two-point attempt, Tillamook trailed 19-12 with 3:17 left in the third quarter.

A touchback gave the Cheesemakers possession at the 20, and Camacho Garcia got the drive rolling with a 20-yard rush and another for nine. A loss of one and two false start penalties against the Mooks brought up third and 12, with an incompleting drawing the punt team onto the field. The snap sailed over Hurliman's head, and he only tracked down the ball at the

Tillamook 13, turning the ball over on downs to Taft.

The Tigers picked up six on first and second, with an incompleting on third before Ryan Camacho Garcia picked off a pass attempt in the end zone and returned it to the four.

Tillamook began their drive with a one-yard rush as time expired in the third quarter and two incomplete passes brought the punt team onto the field. Another wild snap flew over Hurliman's head, and the Tigers downed Hurliman in the end zone after he recovered it for a safety, pushing their lead to 21-12 with 11:44 left in the game.

Taft took over again at their own 45 following the safety and facing a fourth and seven, came up with a big completion for a first down at the Tillamook 37. The Tigers kept the ball moving, with two quarterback keepers picking up first downs and moving them to the 16. Facing fourth and nine moments later, Taft went for it and the Tiger quarterback found a receiver open at the goal line for a touchdown. After an unsuccessful two-point attempt, Taft led 27-12 with 7:05 remaining in the game.

Tillamook started their next drive at the 20 after a touchback, and Camacho Garcia picked up two firsts on the ground before Remington came up with a reception at the Tiger 30. Kelton Ball found a seam on the next play for a rushing touchdown and Camacho Garcia took a direct snap in a power forma-

tion for a successful two-point attempt, cutting the lead to 27-20 with 6:10 to go.

After the game, Johnson remarked on Camacho Garcia's workhorse status this year and said his success bodes well for the Mooks. "In 12 years, I don't know that we've asked a guy to carry the ball 30 plus times in one game. He was a rockstar behind our offensive line tonight," Johnson said. "That's the fourth game in a row we're averaging six-plus yards per run, which is a great sign for us."

Taft recovered the attempted outside kick near midfield and went three and out, giving Tillamook the ball back at their own 19 with four and a half left in the game.

Hurliman took a sack on first before finding Remington for a first at the 40. Camacho Garcia rushed for another first at midfield and followed with another 15 yards to the 35. Camacho Garcia continued the momentum with rushes for four and 16 to the 15-yard line.

After Camacho Garcia lost two on first, Hurliman picked up nine on a keeper and Camacho Garcia picked up one bringing up a fourth and one. Camacho Garcia took a direct snap for four to bring up first and goal at the two, and Vincent Maciel dove in for the touchdown on the next play. Down by one, Johnson called a timeout before sending the offense back onto the field for the two-point attempt. Johnson dialed Camacho Garcia's number with the direct snap out of the power formation, and the back answered, barreling into the end zone off the left tackle for the 28-27 lead with 1:03 remaining in the game.

A touchback gave Taft possession at the 20-yard line and a false start was followed by a sack to move them back to the 11. But on the next play, the quarterback found a streaking receiver at the 40 and he broke away for the 89-yard touchdown, returning the lead to the Tigers. A successful PAT put Taft ahead 34-28 with 41 seconds left to play.

Tillamook took over again at their own 36 and two Remington receptions, one for 40, moved the Mooks to the two-yard line with 15 seconds remaining. Camacho Garcia burst into the end zone on the next play to tie the game and Aslan Scott knocked through the PAT for a 35-34 lead with 12 seconds remaining.

A squib kick and return gave the Tigers a last look from the 33 with five seconds and the Mooks came up with a tackle after a reception to seal the victory.

"Ultimately, you don't apologize for a win. We had to show some heart, get some late stops and then go down and score several times and we did that," Johnson said. "I'd like us to be more consistent throughout all four quarters. We've shown we can do that in spurts. We are going to need to play quality football down the stretch to get into the postseason."

Tillamook improved to 3-3 on the season with the victory and 2-1 in league play. Next week they will face off with the longtime rival Banks Braves, who have returned to the league after a several-year hiatus and are currently 5-0.

The top three finishers in the seven-team Cowapa League will qualify for the state playoffs. Scappoose is currently atop the league standings at 3-0 with Banks also undefeated at 2-0. Tillamook at 2-1 sits in third, with the Astoria Fishermen in fourth at 1-1, the Seaside Seagulls in fifth at 1-2, Woodburn in sixth at 0-2 and Taft rounding out the standings at 0-3.



Vincent Maciel scores a touchdown with a little over a minute left in the game to cut the Cheesemakers' deficit to one.

State governors, including Oregon’s, call for more time to implement new Medicaid rules

Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek led a group of four other governors in calling on the federal government to delay new Medicaid rules set to go into effect Jan. 1

BY ALEX BAUMHARDT

With just three months left to prepare before complex new Medicaid reporting and eligibility rules take effect, Oregon Gov. Tina Kotek is again leading a group of governors seeking an extended timeline.

In a letter Thursday, Kotek and the governors of California, Maine, New Mexico and Virginia called on Health and Human Services Director Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to delay the Jan. 1 implementation of new Medicaid requirements passed by Congressional Republicans in their massive 2025 tax and spending bill.

It follows a May 29 letter Kotek and the governors sent to Kennedy urgently asking for more

time after he and human services officials issued final rules that contradicted earlier rules sent to states in January, and fundamentally changed the definition of medical frailty in Medicaid eligibility. The final rules issued by Kennedy six months after initial guidance was given to states required changes to forms and verification processes that states had already been working on for more than a year, according to the governors.

“These are not minor or technical adjustments. They fundamentally change the processes and system logic underlying states’ implementation plans. With less than 100 days remaining before January 1, states cannot reasonably rebuild, test and validate these systems

while ensuring accurate notices, properly trained workers and reliable, lawful coverage determinations,” the governors wrote.

Kennedy, Human Services officials and the Trump Administration ignored the governors’ requests, according to Kotek’s office. Spokespersons for the agency did not immediately respond to a request for comment from the Capital Chronicle.

The new requirements passed by Republicans — including requirements that nondisabled enrollees aged 19 to 64 prove they are working, volunteering or in school at least 80 hours a month — have already caused enrollment errors and are expected to leave 5 million people without healthcare coverage by

2034 according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. About half of that is expected to be caused by paperwork errors and reporting failures, the office found.

“One-third of Oregon families — including seniors, disabled Oregonians, and children — rely on Medicaid, which is the Oregon Health Plan,” Kotek said in a news release.

“The new rules institute additional administrative barriers that will lead to people losing their healthcare. That is why we are proactively getting information out to families and providers now and rapidly training eligibility workers as we coordinate our response to the changes across the state.”

The governors lay out the consequences for

Kennedy in the letter via the experience Arkansas had in 2018 with similar Medicaid requirements. A study published in the New England Journal of Medicine found that 95% of people who lost their Medicaid coverage were later found to have qualified for an exemption.

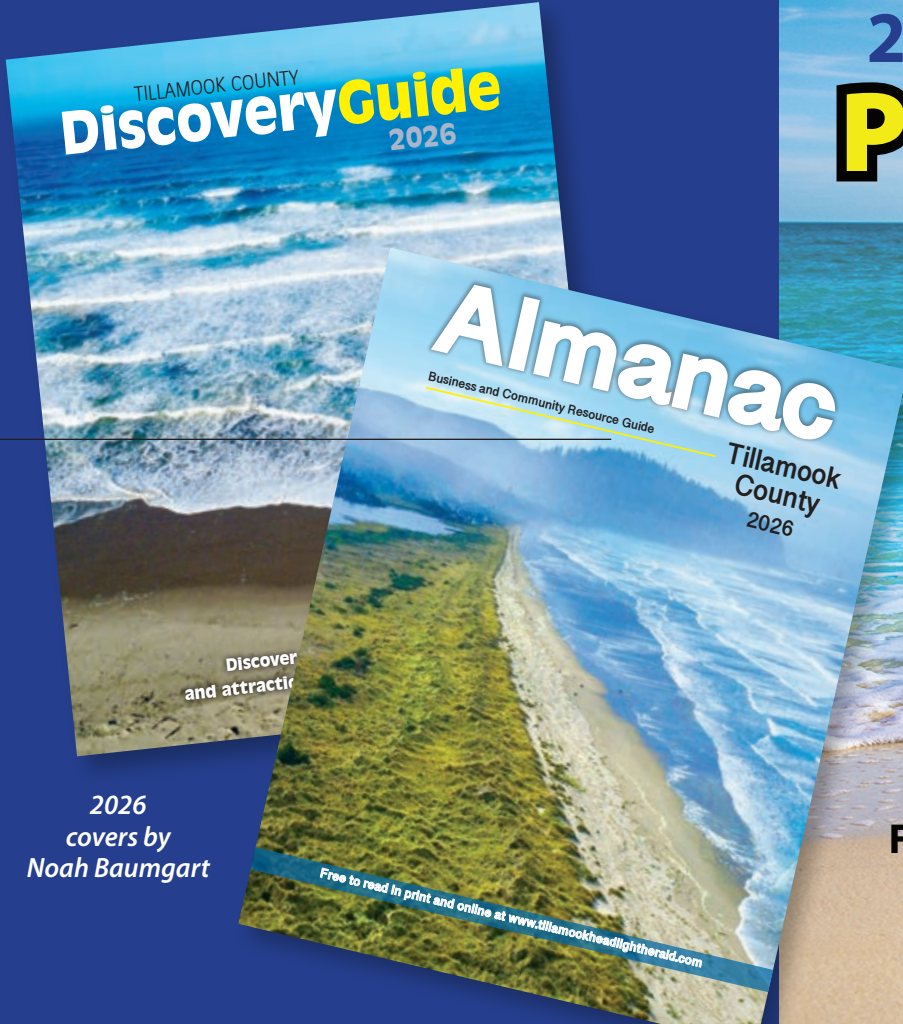
The governors reiterated that they hold different values related to healthcare coverage and Medicaid than Kennedy, especially that it be related to income and not employment, but that they still expect him to humanely roll out new regulations.

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decision to depart from the statute and its prior guidance at this late stage, without giving states sufficient time to adjust,” they wrote.

They said they are not asking for an infinite delay, but a delay until states show they have all systems in place needed to assure under the new rules that Medicaid enrollees data is protected and that their coverage is assured.

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\$10 Million Mystery Check Hangs Over Governor’s Race

BY NIGEL JAQUISS

There’s a shadow hanging over the Oregon’s governor’s race: a record \$10 million check that a California carpenters union wrote to an affiliated Oregon political action committee Sept. 16. Since Oregon launched its electronic campaign filing database, Orestar, in 2007, the largest previous individual transaction was a \$4.46 million contribution that agribusiness giant DuPont Pioneer made to oppose a 2014 ballot

measure that would have required food labels to disclose genetic modifications (the measure failed after a recount). But now, in a move that has the political class chattering, the carpenters union has more than doubled the previous record. Calls to half a dozen political insiders yielded nothing more than the expectation that the money would find its way from the Oregon carpenters PAC to Democrats. The carpenters PAC, Building a Stronger Or-

egon, has so far this year given \$500,000 to Gov. Tina Kotek for her reelection campaign; \$150,000 to the Senate Democratic Leadership Fund; and another \$200,000 to various Democratic candidates. The union is a reliable Democratic donor, but nothing on the scale of \$10 million: In 2024, the last election year, it spent less than \$500,000. Eric Morgan, treasurer of Building a Stronger Oregon, declined to talk about where the rest of the funds might go and instead referred OJP to the union’s

California-based lobbyist, Ron Rowlett. Rowlett did not respond to requests for comment. The Oregon carpenters’ newfound financial muscle comes as the governor’s race looks as tight as any since 2010, when Democrat John Kitzhaber defeated Republican Chris Dudley by fewer than 23,000 votes. Polling shows Kotek and her Republican opponent, state Sen. Christine Drazan (R-Canby), in a virtual dead heat. The candidates made their

first joint appearance of the campaign last week at a Portland business forum. They will engage in their first 2026 debate on Oct. 1, hosted by OJP beginning at 6 pm at the University of Oregon in Eugene. Even if she gets no more support from the carpenters PAC, Kotek already enjoys a large financial advantage: The governor has \$8.3 million on hand, more than eight times Drazan’s \$965,000. Whatever the carpenters’ plans may be, the union’s enormous bankroll sends a message to Republican donors that there are more funds available if Kotek needs them. OJP, Lookout Eugene–Springfield, KVAL-TV and UO’s School of Journalism and Communication will sponsor this week’s debate. KVAL will broadcast the event in Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford and Roseburg and also in Portland on KUNP Channel 16, and will stream it live on YouTube and Facebook. OJP will also host the YouTube stream on its website.

First Oregon Governor’s Debate Gets Feisty

Gov. Tina Kotek and state Sen. Christine Drazan trade barbs and call each other disingenuous

BY PENNY ROSENBERG

At the first gubernatorial debate of 2026, Gov. Tina Kotek and Republican challenger Christine Drazan both said they believe Oregonians are struggling but for different reasons—with the incumbent blaming President Donald Trump and the state senator blaming Gov. Kotek. The first of three this election season, the debate held in a closed-door meeting room-turned-TV studio in Eugene on the University of Oregon campus was feisty, with the candidates regularly taking swipes at each other. “I don’t know if the governor is advancing a drinking game tonight, but I’m a little bit tired of her pushing everything off on the federal administration,” Drazan said. “Well, I’m really tired. You actually are just, like, distorting the truth,” Kotek shot back after discussing a question about voting by mail. Kotek said she wouldn’t change the current system, while Drazan said she wants to return polling booths to Oregon. While in the House in 2025, Drazan sponsored House Bill 3872, which would have made in-person voting the “normal method for voting” and offered absentee ballots only to voters who couldn’t make it to the polls on election day.

It also required showing government ID, both goals of Republicans nationally, especially after Trump’s defeat in 2020. It did not advance. Later in the debate, Drazan was asked directly who won the 2020 presidential election. Drazan simply said “Biden,” a substantial departure from many Republicans who still are unwilling to concede that. Amid a national political environment in which Republican pundits fear a “blue wave”—Reuters reported Oct. 1 that Democrats in red states view the 2026 midterm election as a “once-in-a-generation” opportunity—the race for governor in Oregon is a toss-up, according to the latest polling. Oregon hasn’t had a Republican governor since Vic Atiyeh, who was re-elected to a second term in 1982, long before partisan media bubbles or even the internet. Kotek invoked the president’s name 13 times, but Drazan did not take the bait. “The only person that I’m interested in this election is defeating Tina Kotek,” she said, “and ensuring that Oregonians actually have a voice and a chance to thrive in their future. She is crushing the hopes and dreams of Oregonians.” Over the course of the hourlong debate, the candidates faced questions from Nigel Jaquiss of the Oregon Journalism Project, Ben Botkin from Lookout Eugene–Springfield, and Bayla Orton, a student journalist at the University of Oregon. Questions covered housing, affordability, data centers, education and more, with Kotek touting initiatives under way and warning that her opponent’s record represents a “risk” for the state, and Drazan asking for a chance to clean house by focusing on fixing problems without new taxes. Here’s a rundown: Housing Drazan said Kotek has fallen far short of her own housing goals, and focused on “availability of land to build on,” she said. “We can protect high valley farmland, forest land, and maintain Oregon’s commitment to our environment while not constricting the availability of housing; we have got to advance permits and ensure that permitting is expedited. Kotek insisted that although the state has not built as many homes as she promised when she was first elected governor, the state is producing more homes “because of the work that we have been doing here to streamline permitting, reducing red tape, investing in infrastructure, helping our communities plan better to have the housing that they need.” Data centers Both candidates have modified their position on data centers in recent weeks as public opinion has shifted dramatically in opposition. Both candidates now support a moratorium, and neither candidate was able to articulate a clear policy. Drazan advocated for “a different kind of relationship with the data centers that are coming forward in our state right now.” She said leaders should ensure that future data centers offer a “shared community benefit” and that the communities where they are proposed want them. There “should never be a data center shoved down the throat of any community across Oregon.” Kotek was also largely unspecific, adding that on day one, if she is reelected, she will introduce a bill requiring the centers to produce their own energy, and that it be clean energy, built by union labor, and that they provide benefits in those communities. Affordability When asked how to tackle affordability, Kotek explained that as governor, she would be a consumer watchdog. “It’s about going after hidden fees,” she said. “It’s about standing up to grocery stores who want to surveil your activity and change their prices accordingly. You have to do all those things and make sure that corporations do not take advantage of Oregonians who are struggling.” Drazan, however, had a different strategy: “The best thing that can be done for Oregonians to address affordability is to ensure that Tina Kotek does not get a second term, as she solves every single challenge that she sees, every single problem in the state of Oregon with a new tax.” Climate protection Oregon’s Climate Protection Program is viewed as wildly out of step with the rest of the country. Earlier this year, the governor’s own Prosperity Council recommended this summer that Oregon replace the current CPP, which funnels polluters’ fees through a nonprofit to groups affected by climate change, with a cap-and-invest model favored by other West Coast states. When asked if she supported her council’s recommendation, Kotek hedged, saying, “I am 100% supportive of our current Climate Protection Program because it is going to help us reduce our carbon pollution here in the state,” while adding, “I am supportive of the Legislature taking this up next year to figure out how we might be able to be more competitive.” But in the meantime, CPP stays in place, she said. Drazan was clear and said, “I will rescind Tina Kotek’s Climate Protection Program on day one.... We cannot afford to continue to advance a political agenda that harms families and makes us uniquely expensive.” Education Both candidates were asked why Oregon’s educational results were so poor given that Oregon spends more money per student than many states. Kotek maintained she is making progress and called attention to the fact that “I passed an account-

ability bill that says we should have statewide performance standards. I think we need to reduce our chronic absenteeism in the state. We have to track it better. We have to help our districts help get our students back in the classroom. That is why I’ve fought since day one to do things like investing in early literacy. We are seeing improvements in our districts.” Drazan placed the blame on Kotek: “She voted to remove graduation standards. She kept our schools shut down for longer than anywhere else in the nation [during COVID-19]. As she has advanced politics inside the classroom, she hasn’t kept teachers safe inside the classroom. The issues that we face in our schools right now can be laid at the feet of the sitting governor; there’s no other way around it.” Some of the debate questions proved a struggle to get clear answers. Both candidates were asked about the lack of financial support for higher education (Oregon ranks 46th in state support for public universities) and were also asked if Phil and Penny Knight’s gift of \$1 billion for a new engineering school in Eugene makes sense, given that Oregon State University, up the road in Corvallis, has one of the largest engineering schools in the country. While Drazan did say the state needed to avoid redundancy, Kotek largely avoided the question altogether. The two are expected to face off again in Medford (Oct. 7) and Bend (Oct. 13).

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HH26-373 The Netarts-Oceanside Sanitary District (NOSD) Board of Directors will hold their Regular Board of Director's Meeting on Thursday October 15, 2026, at 5:30 P.M. in the NOSD Board Room, 1755 Cape Meares Lp. Rd. W., Oceanside, OR. This Regular meeting is to discuss General Business including New Business; Old Business; etc. and any other matters that may come before the Board will be discussed. The District reserves the right, if necessary, to call an Executive Session. All meetings, except Executive Sessions, are

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HH26-376 Tillamook Lightwave Regular Board Meeting October 27, 2026 The meeting will be held at the Tillamook People's

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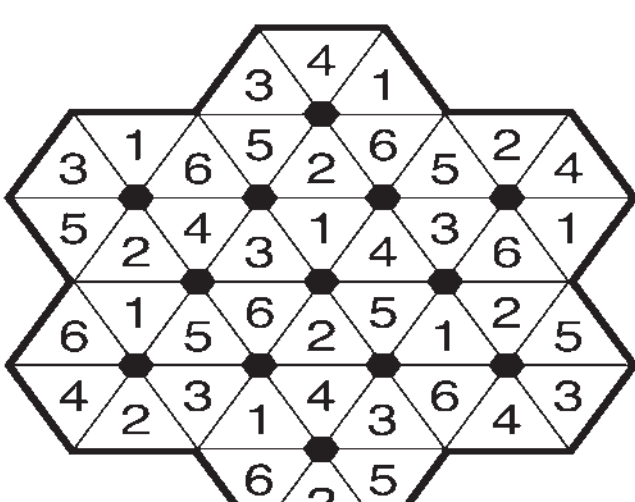
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Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands
for another. If you think that X equals Q, it will equal Q throughout
the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: T equals M

VYEJ TZSYJ OQA EUUATG ZU
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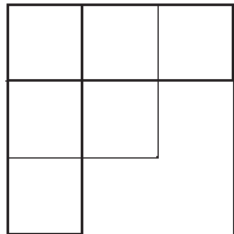
The idea of Go Figure is to arrive
at the figures given at the bottom
and right-hand columns of the
diagram by following the arith-
metic signs in the order they are
given (that is, from left to right
and top to bottom). Use only the
numbers below the diagram to
complete its blank squares and
use each of the nine numbers
only once.

	+		-		=	4
+		+		+		
	+		+			= 11
÷		×		+		
	+		+			= 18
=		=		=		
1		36		14		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9					

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STICKELERS
by Terry Stickels

What is the fewest number of square
sheets of paper of any size that can be
placed over each other to form the
pattern below? Consider the sheets to
be transparent.



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answer

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Even Exchange
answers

1. Hermit, Kermit
2. Sheer, Sheen
3. Blast, Beast
4. Badger, Bagger
5. Moose, Mouse
6. Peach, Perch
7. Terry, Tarry
8. Comedy, Comely
9. Hanger, Hunger
10. Trench, French

CryptoQuip
answer

What might you assume is
the favorite chocolate
candy of cave-dwelling
dwarfs? Tootsie Trolls.

Super Crossword

JOURNALISTIC SET

ACROSS	53 Maximum	102 Medicine	2 Fire residue	41 Some rock	84 "Close call!"
1 Principal part	56 Rustic hotel	bottle	3 Figure skater	band synthe-	85 "Come
of a ship's	58 Lean- —	104 Jesus' words	Midori	sizers	again?"
rigging	(simple huts)	after "My	4 Central point	42 Calc prereq	86 Water swirl
9 Glucose and	59 Time to	God, my	5 Superlatively	43 Subsidies	87 Do laundry
dextrose	steel oneself	God," in	sneaky	44 Caesar's final	88 Goalie's goal
15 Want greatly	and power	Matthew	6 University on	reproach	94 Elle King's
20 Phrase	through	109 "You bet!,"	Long Island	45 Bump on —	"Ex's & —"
before a	66 Congregated	in Baja	7 "— be an	46 Unduly quick	95 Lambastes
memoir	the time limit	110 Favorite	honor"	52 Zebra	96 Valuable trait
co-author	67 Goes past	cereal of a	8 Put freight in	feature	98 Auction unit
21 Result of iron	prevention?	"silly rabbit"	9 Less happy	54 Shortly	99 Former
deficiency	69 A humidifier	111 "I'm — loss	10 Opens with a	55 Resort town	Volkswagen
22 Opponent	moistens it	for words"	key	near Rome	seven-seater
23 Question to	71 Suddenly	112 Pub barrel	11 "Well, I'll be!"	57 High degree	101 "Freedom"
someone	blazing stars	113 "La-la" lead-in	12 Radio toggle	59 H-bomb, e.g.	singer Jon
barking	orders	116 "Jay —	letters	60 "LummoX"	103 Shin's place
26 Wiggly fish	73 Pungent	Garage"	13 Actress	61 "A Town Like	105 Soldier's
27 Extinct bird	salad veggie	119 Best draft	Hayworth	Alice" author	steel
28 Swerving	77 Lhasa —	status	14 Gives a	Shute	helmet
billiards shot	(small dogs)	121 Business	quick	62 Large pianos	106 Best in
29 Teeny	80 Official	mag	greeting	63 Clingy wrap	quality
30 Suspenseful	assisting a	123 Response	15 Disney	64 Like a bario's	107 Yaks, e.g.
NFL periods	referee	upon	villainess	sound	108 Wichita site
33 CIA worker	83 "Rapa- —"	hearing about	De Vil	65 On in years	113 Thunder god
35 PC fixer, e.g.	(1994 Esai	an astonish-	16 Chest bone	70 Bern's river	114 Lasso, e.g.
37 "Hey, amigo"	Morales film)	ing feat	17 State boldly	72 Comic Rogan	115 Stupefies
39 Highest price	84 Classic	130 "Aida," e.g.	18 Rose holder	74 Very shortly	117 Tasting of
customers	Maurice	131 Dogs from	19 Otherwise	75 "Smith" is the	wood, as
are amenable	Sendak book	Japan	24 — bene	commonest	wine
to paying	89 Cabinet dept.	132 They often	25 "— Mio"	one in the	118 Move a bit
47 "Less filling"	focused on	get mashed	30 Hooting bird	United States	120 Session with
Miller beer	homes	133 Stopwatch	31 Toward there	76 Hasten	a dr., e.g.
48 Prefix similar	90 "— culpa"	button	32 Feeling of	78 Resistance	122 — Field (Mrs.
to "equi-"	91 Wedge for	134 Despotie	fullness	unit	Met's home)
49 Vaccination	filling a gap	ruler	34 Sycophantic	79 Understand	124 Deep anger
fluids	92 Show fatigue	135 They begin	guys	the point	125 Greek vowel
50 Neighbor of	reflexively	this puzzle's	36 Bray syllable	81 Bake, as an	126 "La-la" lead-in
Monterey	93 Mother on	long answers	38 Crunches	egg	127 Fight like
Park, Calif.	"Bewitched"	97 Aruba, e.g.	tone them	82 Brunch	Ali
51 Connections	100 Steal from	DOWN	40 High	cocktail	128 Actor Ayres
		1 Greedy gullet	schooler, e.g.	129 Snaky letter	

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Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Recluse	H _ _ _ _ _	Sesame Street frog	K _ _ _ _ _
2. Translucent	_ _ _ _ R	Luster	_ _ _ _ N
3. Detonate	_ L _ _ _	Monster	_ E _ _ _
4. Wisconsin's animal	_ _ D _ _	Grocery store worker	_ _ G _ _
5. Bullwinkle	_ _ O _ _	Rat's smaller cousin	_ _ U _ _
6. Georgia's fruit	_ _ A _ _	Roost	_ _ R _ _
7. Thirsty fabric	_ E _ _ _	Linger	_ A _ _ _
8. Slapstick, e.g.	_ _ _ _ D _	Attractive	_ _ _ _ L _
9. Closet accessory	_ A _ _ _	Appetite	_ U _ _ _
10. Ditch	T _ _ _ _	Parisian language	F _ _ _ _

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Go Figure!

answers

2	+	8	-	6	=	4
+		+		+		
7	+	1	+	3	=	11
÷		×		+		
9	+	4	+	5	=	18
=		=		=		
1		36		14		

Stickelers Answer

Four sheets. Number 4 is the largest square, on which the other squares are placed.

1		4
	2	
4		3

HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Word is different. 2. Glasses are missing. 3. Sleeve is different. 4. Hat is larger. 5. Back of stool is added. 6. Mouth is different.

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SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦♦

♦ Easy ♦♦ Medium ♦♦♦ Difficult

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Weekly SUDOKU

	1	9			8		7	
4		8		5	1	9		6
	6	2	9	4			3	
6		4		1	2	3		
		1	4		5			8
			8					2
			5		6	2	8	
8	2	6		7		5		4
		5		8				

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
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